

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The fcc's own website says that, in calling for a re-examination of the media ownership rules, the fcc must foster diversity, competition, and localism. Loosening the ownership limits for the broadcast airwaves will make the fcc zero for three by its own scorecard.

In considering a future for the broadcast airwaves, the fcc must take into account the interests of the American people, who own these airwaves. Chairman Powell speaks of "the market" but he should think about the marketplace of ideas. A vibrant one is the backbone of a free society.